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San Ramon, CA – The Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation, an organization headquartered in San Ramon that serves severely wounded members of the Armed Forces, recently honored Congressman Jerry McNerney for his work on behalf of veterans. Congressman McNerney is a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and serves as the ranking member of the important Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. He has made improving care and benefits for veterans a top priority.

"I'm honored to be recognized by the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation," said Rep. McNerney. "Sentinels of Freedom is an important organization that is helping to meet the needs of our severely wounded and permanently disabled service members. These men and women served our country and now face great challenges as they return to civilian life. Thanks to four year scholarships from Sentinels of Freedom, they are overcoming these challenges with help from a team of community members who provide support and assistance with finding a job, a place to live and enrolling in school."

The mission of the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation is to assist permanently disabled veterans in their efforts to become productive, self-sufficient and integrated members of their communities upon returning to civilian life. The organization brings together permanently disabled veterans with caring community teams that provide housing, transportation, education, employment, mentoring, and ongoing support for up to four years.

Mike Conklin, Chairman of the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation, recently presented Congressman McNerney with a formal commendation from the organization, which reads as follow:

Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation Recognizes

Jerry McNerney, Congressman (California's 11th District)

In honor of your tireless efforts in support of our Nation's wounded and injured members of the United States Armed Forces. Your support of Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship's Mission has made it possible for those whom we serve to maximize their potential and achieve their life goals.

Your personal commitment and dedication to our mission and those we serve is the ultimate example of our mission, creed and promise

"We Shall Never Leave You, We Shall Never Forsake You"

Mike Conklin Chairman Sentinels of Freedom